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 Applicant : Dietmar Birgel et al.
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 Title : Circuit Board with holding mechanism for holding
 wired electronic components, method for
 manufacture of such a circuit board and their
 use in a soldering oven
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

Please amend this application before examination on the merits in accordance with the following particulars.

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the application, please amend the claims as shown in the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.